उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कपा करेंगे कि :

(क) स्टेट बैंक आफ इन्दौर से जबरन सेवानिवृत्त किय गये कर्मचारियों के भविष्य निधि निक्षेपों पर ब्याज का भुगतान नहीं किय जाने के क्या कारण हैं जबकि बैंक ने भविष्य निधि खाते को नामे भी नहीं किया ;

(ख) क्या सरकार इन कर्मचारियों के सामने पेश आ रही कठिनाइयों को दूर करने के उद्देश्य से उन्हें ब्याज राशि के भुगतान हेतु कोई निर्देश जारी करने पर विचार कर रही है ; और

(ग) ऐसे मामलों के शीघ्र निपटान हेतु कोन से प्रभावी कदम उठाय जाने की संभावना है ;

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद) : (क) से (ग) जैसाकि दिनांक 14-12-1993 को अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 1401 के भाग (घ) और (ङ) के उत्तर में बताया गया था, बैंक ने एक ऐसे कर्मचारी के पक्ष में 32,956.50 रुपए का चैक आहरित किया था, जिसे अनिवार्य रूप से सेवानिवृत्त कर दिया गया था और वह चैक डिलीवरी के लिये उस शाखा में भेज दिया था जहां वह तैनात था । उक्त चैक बिना डिलीवरी के ही वापस आ गया क्योंकि कर्मचारियों ने चैक लेने से इन्कार कर दिया था । चूंकि कर्मचारी ने भुगतान लेने से इन्कार कर दिया था । इसलिए इस राशि पर ब्याज देने का प्रश्न पैदा ही नहीं होता ।

Financiai assistance provided by India to other conntries

2096. SHRI RATNA BAHAUR RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what amount of financial assistance was given by India to other countries during the last three years, country-wisfl amount; and

(b) what amount of financial assistance has been proposed to be given to' other countries during 1993-94, giving the detaUs thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Opening of banli branches in Arunachal Pradesh

2097. SHRI NYDOK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many nationalised, commercial and cooperative banks are functioning in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) how may of such branches have been opened in the State during the last three years;

(c) whether Governmient propose to open more branches of the banks in. the remote places like Anini and Mechuka *in* Arunachal Pradesh to promote trade and commerce in the State:

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when such branches are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) There are five nationalised banks, 1 Regional Rural Bank and one Cooperative Bank functioning in Arunachal Pradesh. The names of these banks

alongwith their number of branches are indicated below;—

Sl. No.	Name of the Bank	No. of Branches
1.	State Bank of India	42
2.	Central Bank of India	1
3.	UCO Bank	2
4.	United Bank of India	2
5.	Vijaya Bank	2
6.	Arunachal Pradesh Rural Bank	19
7.	Arunachal State Cooperative Bank	28

(b) During the last three years ended December 1993, one branch of Arunachal Pradesh Rural Bank was opened in West Siang District on 4-6-1991.

(c) to (e) The assessment for opening of bank branches is made for the plan period 1990—95 taking into consideration various aspects such as well establiislied needs of the area, business potential, financial viability of the proposed centres as also the infrastnictural facilities. It may, therefore, not be possible to indicate the number cf branches of banks proposed to be opened in remote places of Arunachal Pradesh. As regards centres Anini and Mechuka, it may be stated that Anini is a banked centre with a branch of State Bank of India functioning threat. State Bank of India had also been issued a licence for opening its branch at the centre Mechuka, under Branch Licensing Policy 1985—90. However, that bank has reported to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) that they are not in a position to open the branch at the above centre due to acute infraistructural deficienies and lack of security.

Utilization of external debts

2098. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 72 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd February, 1994 and state:

(a) what has been the percentage of utilisation of external debt; and

(b) whether Government have formulated any plan to restrict external borrowings, if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE DR. ABRAR. AHMED): (a) The closing pipeline of loans committed by undisbursed was Rs. 50551 crores and Rs. 70826 crores as on 1-4-91 and 1-4-92 respectively. The loans Utilised during 1991-92 and 1992-93 was Rs. 9116 crores and Rs. 8995 crores respectively. The utilisation of loans during 1991-92 and 1992-93 was 18 percent and 13 percent of the closing pipeline of loans as on 1-4-91 and 1-4-92 respectively .

(b) The Goernment has taken a num ber of steps to bring about improvements in revenue receipts to eliminate in essen tial and low priority expenditure, to boost exports, to increase invisible earnings, to ensure efficient import substitution, to increase non-debt creating inflow of foreign funds, and to reduce dependence ob bor rowed funds for financing expenditure. These steps would improve, in long term, the economic condition of the country and revitalise our growth process, in-cluding our export earning capacity so as to enhance our capacity to generate